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TREE PEONIES IN FULL COLOR AT BOERNER BOTANICAL GARDENS

Hales Corners – The Tree Peony collection is in full bloom at the Boerner Botanical Gardens located in Whitnall Park, 9400 Boerner Drive in Hales Corners. Tree Peonies bloom earlier in the season than the traditional peony bush. The 46 varieties of Tree Peony within the Boerner Gardens were imported from Japan and Europe in the 1940's when they were largely unheard of and not available in the United States.

"We were very fortunate to receive our original collection as a living memorial," explained Boerner Director Shirley Dommer. "Milwaukee attorney Charles Hammersley donated the initial collection in memory of his wife and we have been able to cultivate it for the enjoyment of thousands of visitors each year."

The Boerner Botanical Gardens are a living museum of plants that provide an outdoor classroom for horticultural and botanical enthusiasts as well as a tourist attraction for Milwaukee County. Within its confines there a number of gardens including those that feature roses, herbs, peonies, annuals, a testing ground for All-American Rose selections as well as an arboretum, daylily walk, rock garden and shrub mall.

The Boerner Gardens is also home to an Education and Visitors Center operated by the Friends of Boerner Botanical Gardens, which offers programs for plant enthusiasts of all skill levels. The Center also houses the Friends' Gift Shop and Nell's Café, which is operated by the Bartolotta Restaurant Group.

For more information on the Boerner Botanical Gardens Tree Peonies, please contact Shirley Dommer at (414) 525-5601.

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